

Minutes: Leesburg Planning Commission November 15, 2001

The Leesburg Planning Commission met on Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff members present for the meeting were Lee Phillips, Nancy Costa, Lyle Fisher, Mac Willingham and Jennifer Moore.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Vaughan
Vice-Chairman Cable
Commissioner Minchew
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Werner
Commissioner Zawacki
Commissioner Schonberger
Councilmember Umstattd

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2001.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Cable
Carried: 6-0-1, Commissioner
Schonberger abstained

REMARKS BY PETITIONERS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

TURNER WILSON PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT – Nick Colonna,
Senior Planner

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Mr. Phillips gave a brief overview of this application including the history of the application.

Vice Chairman Cable made a motion to approve the application conditioned as presented by staff. With the additional condition that Parcel 2B be dedicated to the Town.

Motion: Cable
Second: Minchew
Carried: 6-1, with Kennedy
voting no

ZONING:

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:

STAFF REPORT, SE 2001-05, JERRY'S CHEVROLET/OLDSMOBILE –
Nancy C. Kitchens, Senior Planner

Ms. Kitchens presented a staff report on this item.

Mr. Chuck Dunlap, representative for the applicant came forward to speak and answer some of the Commissions questions.

Mr. Skip Franzen of Jerry's Chevrolet was also present to answer any questions.

Ms. Kitchens stated that this application would come before the Commission at its December 6, 2001 meeting as a public hearing item.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Councilmember Umstattd stated that at the last Town Council meeting several parents came forward to petition the Council to reconsider its denial of the Special Exception, however no action was taken by Council.

Councilmember Umstattd stated that Council also voted to allow Catoctin Square to withdraw without prejudice.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION APPROVAL – Mr. Phillips stated that this item has been put on the back burner for the time being so that the Commission can focus on the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Vaughan stated that he would be sending a letter to Sam Adamo with Loudoun County Public Schools to provide the Commission some insight on how the County arrives at student population for developments.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET – Jennifer Moore, Planning and Zoning Assistant.

The Commission discussed the way that they would like their budget set up.

The Commission came to a consensus that it would like the Planning Department to purchase a video camera. Mr. Phillips stated that he would like to look into whether the Department would prefer to have a video camera or a new digital camera.

Commissioner Schonberger commented that having a Council member appoint their own representative to each Commission is without a doubt the worst idea ever implemented by an elected body in the Town.

Commissioner Zawacki stated that the Commission needs to discuss the Annual Report. Chairman Vaughan stated that he would speak with the Town Manager to be placed on the Town Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10.00 p.m.